**Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.**—Sir, I regret I have to oppose this resolution. The village of Kodakara lies within the jurisdiction of Pudukad outpost and it is only about 3 miles distant from this outpost. From the charging station of Chalakudy there is only a distance of six miles. There is heavy bus traffic going along the main road and almost every half an hour a bus is available. If anything happens which requires the presence of the Police information could be soon taken to the charging station or to Pudukad outpost and the Police will arrive on the scene without much delay. If you go by crime statistics no case is made out for the creation of an outpost at Kodakara. Very little crime is reported from this village. If I remember right only one case of nuisance is reported from this place in 1110. Finally there is a police man always in uniform at the Kodakara junction for controlling the traffic and in cases of urgency he himself can run up to the station and give information. For these reasons I think there is no necessity for creating an outpost.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan.**—The Hon'ble Member refers to the number of crimes; but I refer to accidental deaths and so on. There is the village of Mattathur 8 miles from Chalakudy. I do not wish to press the motion. I only want to bring this matter to the notice of Government.

*Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.*

## 30. Constitution of a Backwater Conservancy Board in the State.

**Mr. George Parakkal.**—"*This Council recommends to the Government to constitute a Backwater Conservancy Board in the State*".

Sir, having lost very many resolutions in the last half an hour I feel very diffident to move the resolution for the acceptance of the House. Anyway I will explain to the Hon'ble Members on the other side my point of view. In the backwater areas there are very many places where lands formerly used for cultivation are now lying water covered which can be bunded up and used for cultivation. Now if the Government spend some money immediately over this backwater area a very good return in the first year can be realised. These lands can be used for cultivation purposes. In the backwater areas the people are suffering from scarcity of rice. That can also be obviated to some extent if the Chakkarachal is bunded up and the lands within it are

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leased out for cultivation. A reasonable rate of interest can be realised out of this investment. I therefore recommend that a Board may be constituted to enquire and see which all places can be bunded up likewise. I move this Resolution for the acceptance of the House.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan.**—I second the resolution.

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—Mr. President, Sir, merely for the purpose stated here, I am afraid there may not be any necessity for this. Most elaborate rules have been laid down by the Government in the Land Revenue Manual for the reclamation or otherwise bunding up the areas in question. I am sure if at the proper time and in the proper manner representations are received by the Government for bunding up areas either by the Government or by private parties which could be demonstrated to be successful, the Government will be prepared to consider the matter in all its aspects. For the purpose of realising this a Conservancy Board may not be the proper instrument. Even now such things can be placed before the Government, through the advisory bodies which have been formed. Any such matter will come to the notice of the Government by the agency of that Board. I am sure the Hon'ble Member will realise the point and will withdraw the resolution because really there is no difference of opinion between us. The ouly question is whether there is any necessity for another Board when there is already an Advisory Board to instruct the Government.

**Mr. George Parakkal.**—The purpose for which I tabled this motion was this. Mr. T. K. Sankara Menon has pointed out in his Economic Survey Report for the Nayarambalam village that if certain areas were bunded up it would give facilities for paddy cultivation which is the prime industry of the people. Although the report was before the Government for the last two years they have done nothing up to now. If they are prepared to take action, I do not want to press this resolution.

*Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.*

## 31. Commutation of Pensions.

**Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**—"*This Council recommends to the Government of Cochin to amend the Cochin Service Regulation in such a way as to enable pensioners on the production of satisfactory medical certificate to commute half or any smaller portion of their legitimate monthly pensions and to entitle them to draw the commuted sums in lieu of the said portion of their pensions*".

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